

First Presbyterian Church

*Polson and Dayton
Flathead Lake Parish*

Serving Today

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	<i>Polson Session</i>	
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Bonnie Eddy Kim Sheesley	Karen Huffine Dianna Luke	Jane Bronson, Chair Karen Moderie Candy Yeater



**To be the
Heart and
Hands
of
Jesus
Christ**

DECEMBER 13, 2020

✝ Stand if you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
We RENEW Our Faith in Worship

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Dick & Arlene Kintz

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come with joyful songs.

One: Know that the Lord is God.

All: It is God who has made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE #22 (Blue)** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

PREPARING FOR PRAYER

Psalm 126

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Oh Lord, how our hearts are filled when You touch our lives. Your touch changes our desert into a wonderful oasis, our defeat into victory, our tears of sorrow into shouts of joy. When we keep our hope focused on You, we have peace, and that peace keeps us centered during the tough times. Thank You.

Gracious God, we can become overwhelmed during tough times. We grieve the loss of loved ones. We grieve the loss of freedom as we live in increased isolation. We grieve our nation when we see such division. We grieve the divisions within our own families. Our deep sadness can consume us as it dominates our hearts. Our sadness can cause our hearts to wander from You and not to You. Forgive us, O Lord. Draw us back to your presence. Allow our lives to be filled with your light once again. May

the light with which You fill us point the way for others to find You. In the name of Jesus, the light of the world we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ **SONG OF RESPONSE #53 (Blue)** “What Child Is This, verse 1,2,3”

LIFE TOGETHER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBTS)

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We GROW Our Faith Through the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

[OT p.650]

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

[NT p.193]

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-8, 19-28

[NT p.86]

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE

“Joy”

We LIVE Our Faith Through Serving

✠ **CLOSING HYMN #2171 (Little Blue)** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

✠ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

